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SUBJECT: NIGERIAN LNG PROJECTS - FRENCH INTEREST

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1. ELF-ERAP SOURCE TELLS US ELF HAS NO EXPECTATION OF LAUNCHING LNG PROJECT ON ITS OWN. ELF HAS BEEN APPROACHED BY GON TO ESTABLISH WHAT USE IT WILL MAKE OF ITS GAS PRODUCTION, WHICH NOW BEING FLARED AFTER SEPARATION FROM OIL PRODUCTION. AS ELF HAS NO NON-ASSOCIATED GAS RESERVES AND QUANTITY OF ASSOCIATED PRODUCTION WOULD NOT SUPPORT LNG PROJECT, ELF HAS SUGGESTED TO GON AND AGIP THAT IT JOIN ANY AGIP PROJECT IN NEIGHBORING CONCESSION AREAS. ACCORDING TO ELF HERE, DISCUSSIONS TO THAT END NOT VERY FAR ADVANCED, PARTLY BECAUSE ELF IS NOT EAGER TO PUT UP FRONT END CAPITAL. ELF IS CONSIDERING (AND

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APPEARS TO PREFER) PARTICIPATING ONLY TO EXTENT OF

FURNISHING GAS TO WHOEVER ESTABLISHES PROJECT. ELF,
ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCE, BELIEVES THAT NIGERIANS
ACCEPT COMPANY'S CLAIM TO OWNERSHIP OF ASSOCIATED
GAS, BUT EXPECT THAT COMPANY WOULD, IN FACT, GET
VERY LITTLE FOR IT UNLESS IT HELP FINANCE PROJECT.
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